hey say that the only constant is change, and life at the Kinderhook Memorial Library is no exception. Many of you may have heard by now that my time as Director here has come to an end after ten of the most wonderful and productive years of my career. I am moving on to be the Executive Director of the New York Library Association. While I am excited at this new opportunity, words cannot express my gratitude to our communities for the support you have given me and the library for every one of those years.

I shared with the Board recently that while we may have built a library together, they also built a Director. I have grown personally and professionally during my tenure, and the Board has supported and encouraged that growth every step of the way.

When I came to Kinderhook in April 2012, I had little administrative experience, but a lot of hope and plans for the future. Leaving here, I can say that I have had a lifetime of experiences packed into a decade, and I still have just as much hope for the future of this library.

For those of you who don’t yet know, I am thrilled to share that I will be succeeded by our new Director, Matt Pavloff, who has served as our esteemed Teen Librarian and worked alongside me for 9.5 of my 10 years. Believe it or not, Matt is the 15th Director of KML! Like me, Matt has grown in his time here from a library school student working as a library assistant, to a librarian who shaped and defined a new role as our first full-time Teen Librarian. He is creative, dedicated, forward-thinking, and shares my deep love of this library and our communities.

Matt is ushering in a new era at the library, with a focus on sustainability, community outreach, and maintaining our high level of customer service. He is also transitioning his role from that of Teen Librarian to becoming our resident Adult Librarian, and hiring someone new to take on his previous job. I have every faith in his ability to propel the library to the next level, and to engage you all while he’s at it. I know you will all show Matt the kindness and generosity of spirit that you have shown me as he starts this new adventure.

In closing, I want to thank the communities of Kinderhook and Stuyvesant for their enthusiasm, assistance, patience, and cooperation over the years. The Kinderhook Memorial Library is the beating heart of our towns, and you all make our jobs possible and enjoyable. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you all, and I will miss you dearly. In the immortal words of A.A. Milne and Winnie the Pooh, “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

–AnnaLee Dragon,
former Library Director
Desktop Computer Raffle
Have you seen our new patron computers? We are so happy to have six brand-new desktop public computers for the whole community to enjoy! These machines make the most of our high speed internet, and those of you who are regular users will be sure to notice the difference in printing, browsing, gaming, and streaming videos.
But that doesn’t mean that the older computers are out of commission—these devices still run quite well, and we are giving you the chance to take one home with you for just a $50 donation! If you’re interested in a desktop computer, or know someone who is, call or stop in to enter our raffle. If your name is drawn, you’ll have the chance to buy one of our old computers. These are Dell OptiPlex 3240 all-in-one PCs with Windows 10 installed, and have been completely reset.

Fiber Nights @ Your Library
Thursdays, 6–8pm
Join fellow fiberists, fiberistas, and fiberxes for a night of knit, crochet, stitch, spin, felt and any other flavor of manipulating fiber. Come to learn, come to play, come to unwind. We’ll have some spare supplies on hand if you just want to show up and try it out! No fee, no registration required.

Writers Group
Calling all aspiring writers: join us for a writers’ reply sharing and editing group. Whether you are a long-time journal writer looking to bring your story together or have bits of poetry on the back of shopping lists, this is a chance to share, learn from others, and grow your writing with other aspiring writers in a supportive atmosphere. This group meets on Wednesday evenings. Please contact the Library at info@kinderhooklibrary.org if you are interested in attending!

Spice of the Month Club
Our first quarter of spice club was such a success that we knew we had to bring it around again! Each month, participants can stop by the library to pick up a kit that includes a sample of the spice of the month, a card with information about the spice, and several sweet and savory recipes to try. Be sure to tag us if you share your culinary creations on social media! Registration is required, so look for the form on our website or give us a call to sign up. This month’s spices are:
- April – Szechuan Peppercorn
- May – Coriander
- June – Juniper Berry

Techspert Assistance with Lloyd the Geek
Wednesday, May 18, 4pm, 4:45pm, 5:30pm appointments
Wednesday, June 15, 4pm, 4:45pm, 5:30pm appointments
Do you need expert help with your laptop, smartphone, tablet, or other gadget? Then you need our Tech Expert (or Techspert), Heather Lloyd! Heather is also known as “Lloyd the Geek”, and she’s offering one-on-one assistance to help with all your technology questions. Just call and make an appointment for one of the 45 minute slots. It’s that easy!
Adults

April Take-Home Craft for Adults: Cherry-Blossom Notecards
*Take-Home/Library Meeting Room*
*Sunday, April 10, 1pm*
Kids shouldn't get to have all the crafting fun! Register to pick up your crafting kit with all the necessary supplies anytime in April. You can join us in the Library meeting room to do the project together if you'd like, or you can pick it up at the Library and complete it on your own. This kit includes everything you need to create four beautiful cherry blossom notecards out of paper! There are a limited number of kits available, so be sure to register on our website or call the Library today!

Narcan Training
*Thursday, April 14, 5pm*
It’s more important than ever that we be aware of the danger of overdoses in our community, and have the tools necessary to feel confident if faced with one. Join the Mental Health Association of Columbia-Greene Counties, Inc. for a free Narcan training for the public. Learn about how to identify an overdose, and the proper way to respond to one using Narcan. We are pleased to be teaming up with MHACG to bring this training to our community, which includes Narcan nasal spray kits for all participants. Please visit our website to RSVP.

Reading with Translator Carl Skoggard
*Saturday, May 14, 2pm*
*Jacob von Gunten* is a high-wire literary performance treading the border between writing and speaking, dreaming and waking, by the visionary Swiss novelist Robert Walser (1878-1956). Fairy-tale, absurdist word play, romantic melodrama, disquieting social and psychological reportage—all these interact in young Jacob's diary, presented here in a fresh and bracing translation by Valatie resident Carl Skoggard.

Meatless Mondays Returns
*Online.*
*Monday, May 16 –Thursday, June 30*
As a joint venture, the Library and the Village of Kinderhook Climate Smart Task Force will kick off a Meatless Monday campaign in May. Meatless Monday is a health initiative which encourages people to go meatless one day a week for their own health and the health of the planet. Last year, 152 individuals who participated in the Meatless Monday campaign saved the equivalent of the following in carbon dioxide emissions: 289 gallons of gasoline used or 2,835 pounds of coal burned or 311,988 smartphones charged. Can we exceed these numbers in 2022? Meatless Mondays will be very informal —no membership forms, no dues, no meetings. Just commit to eat no meat one day a week, not necessarily just Mondays. The Library has a great collection of vegetarian cookbooks you can borrow, and we'll be posting a new vegetarian recipe on Facebook once a week for you to try! Signup on the Library website to get started!

May Take-Home Craft for Adults: Funky Flower Pot
*Take-Home/Library Meeting Room*
*Sunday, May 22, 1pm*
Kids shouldn't get to have all the crafting fun! Register to pick up your crafting kit with all the necessary supplies anytime in May. You can join us in the Library meeting room to do the project together if you'd like, or you can pick it up at the Library and complete it on your own. This kit includes everything you need to make a funky and colorful flowerpot using mod-podge and tissue paper! There are a limited number of kits available, so be sure to register on our website or call the Library today!

Cookbook Club: Picnic Edition
*Saturday, May 28, 12pm*
*Rothermel Park*
Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend with us by bringing back one of our old favorites: Cookbook Club! We're mixing things up a little bit with our first ever Cookbook Club Picnic, under the pavilion at Rothermel Park. Visit the Library and take a look through our chosen cookbook, find a recipe that you like, and prepare the dish of your choice for the group, potluck style! This quarter's cookbook is *American's Test Kitchen: The Complete Summer Cookbook*. Bring your own blanket for a classic picnic experience!

June Take-Home Craft for Adults: Felted Hedgehog
*Take-Home/Library Meeting Room*
*Sunday, June 12, 1pm*
Kids shouldn't get to have all the crafting fun! Register to pick up your crafting kit with all the necessary supplies anytime in June. You can join us in the Library meeting room to do the project together if you'd like, or you can pick it up at the Library and complete it on your own. This kit includes everything you need to make an adorable felted hedgehog! There are a limited number of kits available, so be sure to register on our website or call the Library today!
**Family**

**Getting Started with Decodable Readers Workshop with Marion Waldman**

*Thursday, April 21, 5:30pm*

Learn more about how we learn to read and ways to use different resources to promote early literacy skills and help struggling readers. Teach My Kid to Read presenters will discuss Kinderhook Memorial Library’s new collection of decodable books and literacy resources. We will demonstrate how parents, teachers, tutors and volunteers can use the different resources to support and supplement reading programs. We will also discuss options and approaches to reading intervention for children struggling to read.

**Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge**

*Saturday, May 7, 1:00pm*

Sign up on our website today for the first Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge! Teams can have up to four members, and will compete to see who can complete their 500 piece puzzle the fastest (or who completes the most within the 2-hour time limit). Each team will get a participation prize, with a grand prize going to the winners! Space is limited so get your team together and sign up today!

**Intro to Stamp Collecting**

*Saturday, May 21, 2pm*

Have you ever thought about collecting stamps (philately)? This common hobby, enjoyed by kings, presidents, and “regular folks” like us, is a great way to learn about the world without leaving home! Attendees will receive a packet of stamps from around the world to get started, and will learn the basics of finding, collecting, preserving, and showing off your stamps for others to enjoy. You’ll also learn how stamps can act as windows to points in history, different cultures, and even sciences. This easy hobby is great for all ages and whole families to enjoy together!

**Juneteenth Celebration with the Village**

*Rothermel Park Saturday, June 18, 12pm*

For the first time ever, the Library and the Village of Kinderhook are teaming up for a Juneteenth Celebration! Officially made a federal holiday last year, we are ecstatic to bring this celebration of freedom to our community. Join us at the pavilion at Rothermel Park for an educational and cultural performance brought to us by Operation Unite NY based in Hudson, and take the opportunity to learn about the history of the African American community in Kinderhook.

---

**Children**

**Saturday Story Times**

It’s finally Spring and there are so many stories to tell! We’ll gather together outside on our patio (indoors if the weather isn’t cooperating) for a special Saturday edition of Family Story Times! Once a month, Mandy will host story time on the back patio or in the Meeting Room. Story times will begin at 10:30am. All ages welcome.

- **Saturday, April 30**
- **Saturday, May 21**
- **Saturday, June 11**

**Ranger Times**

*Friday, April 8, 10:30am*

We are so excited to welcome back Dawn Olson, a park ranger for the National Park Service at the Martin van Buren Historic Home! Ranger Time will include a story and a craft related to the life and times of Martin van Buren!

**Take Home Craft Kits**

Each month we will feature a new take home craft kit! Kits will be first come first serve and will be available all month long while supplies last.

- **Tie-Dyed Flowers**
  *April*
  
  To celebrate the beautiful flowers, April’s craft will include all the materials needed to make your own colorful blooms!

- **Sand Butterflies**
  *May*

  Have you ever “painted” with sand? To welcome warmer weather, this month’s craft will be a wooden butterfly you can create colorful magic with using glue and sand!

- **Rainbow Cloud Mobiles**
  *June*

  Rain AND shine, a rainbow needs both to GLOW! Create a beautiful mobile of puffy clouds and colorful rainbows to decorate your space!
Animal Weeks

Children’s Room

Each month we will feature a new animal in our Children’s Room! For one week a month we will have a rotating display of books, “Did You Know?” facts and animals hidden around for you to find, and crafts available in the Children’s Room. Pick up a checklist and see how many of our animal themed activities you can complete to win a prize!

Frog Week
April 16-22
It’s hard to believe but there are over 5,000 known species of frogs and counting! While we won’t have 5,000, we will have lots of frogs to seek and find in our Children’s Room, along with an exciting craft!

Kangaroo Week
May 21-27
A baby kangaroo is called a joey! They are born hairless and so small you can barely see them. They spend almost an entire year in their mother’s pouch before leaving for good (but by then they are soft and cute!).

Dolphin Week
June 11-17
Did you know that orca whales are actually dolphins?? Come learn all about these playful and intelligent creatures and decorate your own adorable dolphin craft during dolphin week!

Three Jar Program with Marisa Rothstein of Siena Private Wealth
Saturday, April 30, 12pm
It’s never too early to learn how to manage your dollar bills! Marisa Rothstein of Siena Private Wealth will lead this fun and informative program that will introduce children ages 7-12 tips on how to plan their spending using the three jar method where money is divided into spending, saving, and giving. We will be decorating fun colorful jars for you to take home after the program!

Unicorn Day Party
Saturday, April 9, 1pm
We can’t be sure why April 9th is National Unicorn Day, but we’ll never pass up an excuse to celebrate these beautiful mythical creatures! We’ll play unicorn games, make your own unicorn horn, and enjoy unicorn themed snacks!

Bunny Hop
Friday, April 15, 10:30am
Come down to the library for a special bunny themed storytime followed by an egg hunt! Keep your eyes peeled for treasures around the library property; all the eggs are stuffed with goodies!

Mother Goose Day – Special Story Time
Sunday, May 1, 11am
May 1st is Mother Goose Day and we are so excited to have children’s book illustrator and author (and neighbor!) Tracey Campbell Pearson back to share her book Mother Goose: Girls and Boys Come Out to Play for a very special storytime! Stick around for a craft afterwards!

Card Making Weeks
We’ll have a buffet of crafting materials available in the children’s room to create cards to show your appreciation for the caretakers in your life!

Mother’s Day Cards
May 1-7

Father’s Day
June 12-18
For the entire week leading up to Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day, stop in the Children’s Room to create beautiful cards for your loved ones! We’ll have a fresh stock of cool craft supplies to make your cards truly unique.

Drag Queen Story Hour and Parade
Saturday, June 4, Story Hour 12:30pm followed by craft and parade
The triumphant return of the Drag Queen Story Hour kicks off Pride Month! Participants will create their own colorful flag to wave as we parade down Hudson Street for refreshments, music, and more! We are so excited to work with the Town Recreation Commission to expand this wonderful program!

Yoga Storytime for Kids with Sharon Jensen
Stuyvesant Town Hall
Friday, April 22, May 20, June 10 at 10:30am
Join us once a month during our regular story hour for a special hour of story and movement with yoga practitioner and local resident Sharon Jensen! Children will get a gentle introduction to yoga movements throughout the class!

Easter Egg Drop-in Craft
Saturday, April 16, all day
If your family is participating in Easter weekend fun around town this weekend, be sure to add the Library to your list of stops! Throughout the day, we’ll have paper egg decorating crafts for kids of all ages to color, stamp, sticker, glue, and more!
Teens

Teen Advisory Board
The pandemic really shook things up, but the Teen Advisory Board is back and ready to make a difference! The T.A.B. is a group of middle- and high-schoolers who meet regularly to plan events for the Library. Joining is easy—show up to one of the following meetings:

- April 28 at 4pm
- May 26 at 4pm
- June 23 at 4pm

LGBTQool Kids
Thursdays, April 21, May 19, June 16 at 5pm
We’re so glad to be a meeting spot for the LGBTQool Kids of Columbia County! All LGBTQ+ youth and allies are welcome at the monthly meetings, where they’ll discuss current issues, share resources, and plan community events. Plus, snacks, games, and crafts!

Spotlight on World Cultures
Thursdays, April 28, May 26
Join members of our Teen Advisory Board as we explore different world cultures through food, pop culture, trivia, and more! Stop by the Library at 4:30pm on the last Thursday of the month.

- April - France
- May - Scandinavia

High School Book Club
We’re trying something different for our Teen Book Club this time around: Genre of the Month! Instead of a specific book to read, bring your favorite book of a certain genre to share with the group! Stop by the Teen Room on the following Saturdays at noon:

- April 16 - Humor
- May 21 - Historical Fiction
- June 25 - LGBTQ

Welcome Party: Meet Emily!
Friday, April 8, 4pm. Have you heard?? Our Library has a new Teen Librarian! Emily Kinney is the newest addition to our fantastic team at the Library, and she is excited to get started with our teen group and get to know everyone. Come by for snacks, games, and a chance to welcome Emily to our little slice of Kinderhook chaos!

Teen Scrabble Challenge
Tuesday, April 19 at 12pm. Being good at Scrabble doesn’t just mean having a good vocabulary—there’s a lot of strategy involved too! Prove that you’ve got both by coming in for our Scrabble Challenge! Be sure to show up on time for a guaranteed spot, and we’ll match you with other players to compete against.

Teen Walking Club
Thursday, April 21, 12pm, Lewis A. Swyer Preserve
Thursday, June 16, 12pm, Martin Van Buren Nature Trail. We had a good time wandering and strolling around Kinderhook, so we decided to take our jaunts elsewhere! We’re getting back to nature with two Librarian-led walks. Check our website for directions, and be sure to bring drinks, snacks, and comfy shoes! Our walks will be leaving at noon sharp, so try to be on time or you’ll have to play catch-up!

Teen Craft: Recycled Bags!
Sunday, April 24, 11am. Learn how to use old flexible plastic (bags, packaging material, etc) to make new, reusable tote bags! Local teen activist Emma O. will be leading this program where we’ll learn to make “plarn” (plastic yarn) and weave or crochet it into usable items. Plastic will be collected beforehand, so look for the box at the Library. This program is open to all ages and all skills!

Teen Test Kitchen: Strawberry Fool
Thursday, June 23, 4:30pm. What is a “strawberry fool”? Well, it’s delicious, for a start. Fresh sugared berries and whipped cream—simple perfection! Now, why is it called a “strawberry fool”? Well…let’s ponder that mystery while we’re making them. For ages 12-18.
As spring arrives the Friends are giving attention to creative fundraising, including ongoing ways to make books available for sale. As we did last year, we are aiming to have periodic pop-up book sales at the Kinderhook Farmer’s Market and, even sooner, to make books available for purchase on our shelves outside the meeting room at the library. We’re planning to hold our annual book sale in September and, to that end, have resumed collecting your book donations by appointment. If you have books to donate, just leave your name and phone number at the circulation desk at the library and someone will call you to set up an appointment to bring your books to the McNary Center. Please do not leave books at the library or at the McNary Center without an appointment. Your donations are what make our book sales so successful, so thank you for your generosity.

We’re also looking into developing merchandise featuring our handsome new logo, possibly including tote bags available for purchase at our book sales. The Friends Craft Group will be gearing up again this summer and new members are always welcome. If you’d like to join in and participate in their weekly sessions of crafting and camaraderie for a cause, leave your name and phone number at the library and you will be contacted.

Our CLYNK project is going stronger than ever; in the last three months we have recycled 11,875 bottles and cans! Let’s make it 12,000 in the next three months. You can pick up bags from the box outside the library - they are coded for the Friends, and when you drop your full bag at the kiosk in the Hannaford parking lot, the redemption proceeds will come to us. In addition to the financial benefit, this gives the Friends the opportunity to support sustainability and to cooperate with the Kinderhook Climate Smart Community Task Force.

We all look forward, I’m sure to emerging from our winter cocoons and greeting each other again. Happy spring!

~Marie Orlando, Chair

Welcome New Members!

Beth Bergin
Elizabeth Boham
Kelly Firmbach
Gwosdof-Liem Family
Laura Hankin
Jensen Family
Nataly Jones and Kevin Stein
Cynthia Lathrop
Patricia Moran
Shannon Rosbrook
Saiissonier
Allison C. Whiting

We are happy to acknowledge a donation from Wendy Nooney in honor of Connie Nooney.

Become a Friend of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY  ☐ $25.00 ANNUALLY
SENIOR/STUDENT  ☐ $10.00 ANNUALLY
BUSINESS  ☐ $50.00 ANNUALLY

Please make your (tax deductible) check payable to Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library
PO Box 54, Kinderhook, NY 12106

NAME(S)
ADDRESS
PHONE  E-MAIL

To contact the Friends e-mail Marie Orlando, Chair, at friends@kinderhooklibrary.org or call her at 518-784-2548

Main Interests
☐ BOOK SALE
☐ GROUNDS & GARDEN
☐ HOSPITALITY
☐ PUBLICITY
☐ OTHER______________
Get Your Library Card Today!

Having a library card means you can have 24-hour access, 7 days a week to the collections of 66 libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System. Just fill out this form and bring to the library with some form of identification and proof of local residency such as:
- A driver’s license or photo ID
- An envelope or postcard recently mailed to your street address
- A utility bill that lists your street address

The minute you have your card in hand you have access to nearly 2.5 million items that you can request online. You also get HomeACCESS which links you to current magazine, newspaper and journal articles from your home, school, or office. HomeACCESS includes the New York State Online Virtual Electronic Library (NOVEL) databases. To use HomeACCESS, visit the library’s website (kinderhooklibrary.org), click on Online Research, enter the 14-digit barcode from your library card—and you’re in!

Library Card Application

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LAST NAME</th>
<th>FIRST NAME</th>
<th>MIDDLE INITIAL</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

ADDRESS 1:
ADDRESS 2:
CITY/TOWN:
STATE:
ZIP:

HOME PHONE: WORK PHONE:

E-MAIL: [ ] I PREFER TO BE CONTACTED BY EMAIL.

MAILING ADDRESS (OF DIFFERENT):

ADDRESS 1:
ADDRESS 2:
CITY/TOWN:
STATE: ZIP:

TOWNSHIP:

[ ] FEMALE [ ] MALE:

BIRTH MONTH: BIRTH DAY: BIRTH YEAR:

I understand that I will be responsible for all use made of my library card.

SIGNATURE DATE

By signing below I assume legal responsibility for my child’s (under 18 years old) loans.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE DATE

Get Our E-Mail Newsletter

To get our e-mail newsletter, just go to our website at www.kinderhooklibrary.org and look for the sign-up box on the left-hand side of the page.

Postcard Patent

Postal Patent

Library Hours

Mon. 1-5 pm
Tues. 1-9 pm
Wed. 10 am-8 pm
Thurs. 10 am-8 pm
Fri. 10 am-5 pm
Sat. CLOSED

Kinderhook Memorial Library
18 Hudson Street • P.O. Box 293
Kinderhook, NY 12106

Tel: 518-758-6192
E-mail: info@kinderhooklibrary.org
Web: kinderhooklibrary.org